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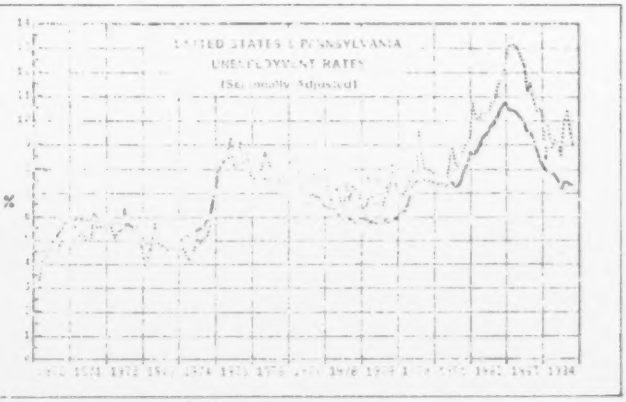
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
All Persons (In Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA	OCT 1984	SEPT 1984	OCT 1983
Civilian Labor Force(Unadj.)	5558.0	5497.0	5584.9
Employment (Unadjusted)	5102.0	5018.0	5053.4
Unemployment (Unadjusted)	456.0	479.0	531.5
% Civilian Labor Force	8.2	8.7	9.5
Unemployment (Seas.Adj.)	491.0	521.0	572.0
% Civilian Labor Force	9.0	9.5	10.3



TOTAL EMPLOYMENT INCREASES BY 84,000
UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASES BY 23,000

Pennsylvania's total employment in October reached 5,102,000, the third highest level during the last 38 months, exceeded only by the June and July 1984 figures of 5,122,000 and 5,138,000, respectively. Employment in October was 84,000 greater than September's level and 49,000 more than a year ago. There were 456,000 Pennsylvanians unemployed in October, the lowest number since September 1981 when the unadjusted unemployment total was 448,200. This unadjusted figure also represents a decrease of 23,000 from September and 76,000 less than the October 1983 level. Correspondingly, the unadjusted unemployment rate dropped to 8.2 percent, the lowest state rate since September 1981.

Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.0 percent in October, down from 9.5 percent in September and well below the 10.3 percent recorded in October 1983. The United States seasonally adjusted unemployment declined by 29,000 to 8,431,000 with an adjusted rate of 7.4 percent, the same as the September rate.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT UP BY 23,900
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES EMPLOYMENT
REACHES AN ALL-TIME HIGH; 3,554,800

Nonagricultural employment during October posted an increase of 23,900 jobs over September and reached an employment level of 4,670,500, the highest since December 1981. Nonmanufacturing employment decreased by 3,400. (Persons in labor-management disputes are not included in the nonmanufacturing/manufacturing figures.)

NONMANUFACTURING. Employment in the nonmanufacturing industries reached an all-time high of 3,554,800 in October. The division of state and local governments accounted for a substantial portion of the 29,700 increase. Local government education employment expanded by 16,800 jobs and state government education gained 6,400 jobs. The educational services - which primarily include private schools, colleges, and libraries - reported employment increases of 11,700 since September. Employment in the amusement and recreation services sector dropped by 8,700 from September. Retail trades employment increased by 5,400 in October as department stores and miscellaneous retail stores, including drug, liquor, sporting goods, bicycle, book, jewelry, hobby and mail order, hired additional staff for the upcoming holiday season. Total services and contract construction showed October gains of 3,900 and 3,400, respectively. These two industries have also experienced significant increases in employment since October 1983, with services increasing by 28,900 and contract construction by 12,600.

MANUFACTURING. Both durable goods and nondurable goods lines reported declines in jobs this month. The former decreased by 2,100 since September and the latter had employment losses of 1,300. Primary metal industries showed the largest job loss, down 2,300 since September and 5,100 since October 1983. Major industrial sectors reporting gains in employment since one year ago were electric and electronic equipment, up 5,200 jobs, and nonelectrical machinery, up by 5,100.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND EARNINGS
DECLINE SLIGHTLY

Average weekly hours and weekly earnings for manufacturing industry employes decreased slightly in October, with weekly hours dropping from 40.3 in September to 40.0. Weekly earnings decreased from $379.22 last month to $375.60 in October. Average hourly earnings fell marginally to $9.39, a decline of 2 cents per hour since September. Similiar reductions were apparent in both the durable and nondurable goods sectors with the exception of hourly earnings in the nondurable goods industries with an increase of 1 cent per hour.

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In cooperation with the United States Department of Labor

MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL

(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA #	ALL EMPLOYES					PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES - HOURS AND EARNINGS								
				NET CHANGE		GROSS WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1984 1/	SEPT 1984	OCT 1983	SEPT 1984	OCT 1983	OCT 1984 1/	SEPT 1984	OCT 1983	OCT 1984 1/	SEPT 1984	OCT 1983	OCT 1984 1/	SEPT 1984	OCT 1983
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	4,670.5	4,646.6	4,596.8	23.9	73.7									
TOTAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,112.0	1,115.4	1,110.5	-3.4	1.5	$375.60	$379.22	$359.79	40.0	40.3	39.8	$ 9.39	$ 9.41	$ 9.04
TOTAL DURABLE GOODS	642.7	644.8	633.3	-2.1	9.4	422.51	428.90	407.81	41.1	41.6	40.7	10.28	10.31	10.02
Lumber & wood products	22.2	21.9	21.0	0.3	1.2	302.57	314.88	282.87	39.5	41.0	40.7	7.66	7.68	6.95
Furniture & fixtures	20.8	20.7	19.9	0.1	0.9	309.28	317.56	304.62	39.6	40.3	40.4	7.81	7.88	7.54
Stone, clay & glass products	49.0	49.1	50.0	-0.1	-1.0	418.91	424.22	400.32	42.4	43.2	41.7	9.88	9.82	9.60
Primary metal industries	119.2	121.5	124.3	-2.3	-5.1	466.48	482.00	464.84	39.2	40.2	39.9	11.90	11.99	11.65
Fabricated metal products	88.7	88.7	87.8	0.0	0.9	416.49	417.06	407.69	41.9	42.0	41.9	9.94	9.93	9.73
Machinery, exc. electrical	113.2	112.9	108.1	0.3	5.1	447.32	448.17	414.94	42.4	42.4	40.8	10.55	10.57	10.17
Electric & electronic equipment	108.2	108.6	103.0	-0.4	5.2	388.81	399.42	365.52	41.1	42.0	40.3	9.46	9.51	9.07
Transportation equipment	64.9	65.1	61.9	-0.2	3.0	497.35	490.14	466.72	42.4	42.0	40.2	11.73	11.67	11.61
Instruments & related products	36.5	36.2	36.3	0.3	0.2	394.59	399.00	372.10	41.8	42.0	40.8	9.44	9.50	9.12
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	20.0	20.1	21.0	-0.1	-1.0	338.52	348.71	375.24	39.5	40.5	41.1	8.57	8.61	9.13
TOTAL NONDURABLE GOODS	469.3	470.6	477.2	-1.3	-7.9	312.19	312.62	298.38	38.4	38.5	38.6	8.13	8.12	7.73
Food & kindred products	91.4	92.5	92.2	-1.1	-0.8	359.00	366.71	346.46	39.8	40.7	40.1	9.02	9.01	8.64
Tobacco manufacturers	2.1	2.1	2.3	0.0	-0.2	225.50	224.93	215.74	39.7	39.6	40.1	5.68	5.68	5.38
Textile mill products	35.6	36.0	37.0	-0.4	-1.4	235.42	235.32	234.99	36.9	37.0	39.1	6.38	6.36	6.01
Apparel & other textile products	106.9	107.2	113.0	-0.3	-6.1	199.40	197.91	190.79	34.8	34.3	34.5	5.73	5.77	5.53
Paper & allied products	41.0	39.8	40.9	1.2	0.1	391.49	389.96	376.68	42.6	42.9	43.0	9.19	9.09	8.76
Printing & publishing	74.3	75.0	72.5	-0.7	1.8	381.58	382.00	365.43	38.7	38.9	39.0	9.86	9.82	9.37
Chemicals & allied products	57.6	56.3	57.4	1.3	0.2	465.04	466.57	430.15	42.2	42.3	41.4	11.02	11.03	10.39
Petroleum & coal products	13.8	14.1	14.2	-0.3	-0.4	566.93	566.10	551.00	44.5	45.0	43.8	12.74	12.58	12.58
Rubber & misc. plastics products	34.6	34.7	33.8	-0.1	0.8	346.53	338.25	327.18	41.5	41.0	41.0	8.35	8.25	7.98
Leather & leather products	12.0	12.9	13.9	-0.9	-1.9	189.31	195.28	192.19	34.8	35.7	36.4	5.44	5.47	5.28
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,554.8	3,525.1	3,482.7	29.7	72.1									
Mining	38.8	40.1	40.4	-1.3	-1.6									
Contract Construction	194.7	191.3	182.1	3.4	12.6									
Transportation	144.5	143.6	142.4	0.9	2.1									
Public Utilities	105.2	105.6	105.1	-0.4	0.1									
Communications	54.1	54.5	54.8	-0.4	-0.7									
Electric, gas and sanitary service	51.1	51.1	50.3	0.0	0.8									
Wholesale trade	247.4	247.8	241.2	-0.4	6.2									
Retail trade	776.0	770.6	771.5	5.4	4.5									
General merchandise stores	126.1	122.5	120.9	3.6	5.2									
Finance, insurance & real estate	253.2	253.9	243.1	-0.7	10.1									
Banking	82.7	82.9	81.0	-0.2	1.7									
Insurance	73.3	73.1	69.4	0.2	3.9									
Services	1,114.9	1,111.0	1,086.0	3.9	28.9									
Business services	164.6	163.9	151.2	0.7	13.4									
Health services	374.6	375.0	369.7	0.4	4.9									
Hospitals	219.6	220.2	222.6	-0.6	-3.0									
Educational service	139.4	127.7	137.0	11.7	2.4									
Government	680.1	661.2	670.9	18.9	9.2									
Federal	134.0	135.3	132.0	-1.3	2.0									
State & local	546.1	525.9	544.5	20.2	1.6									
Persons in labor-management disputes	3.7	6.1	3.6	-2.4	0.1									

FOOTNOTES

*Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor management disputes.

#Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment, and Resident Data are benchmarked to first quarter 1983.

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